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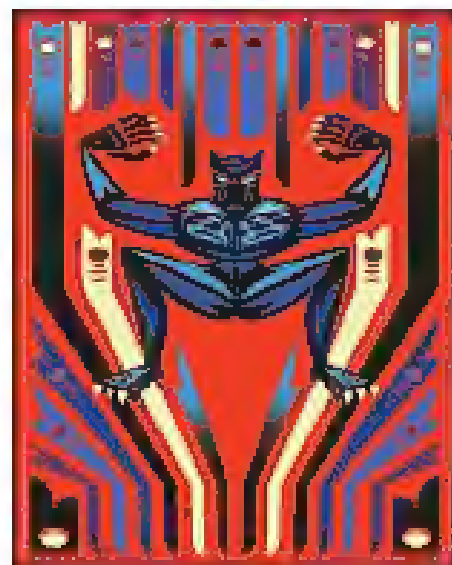
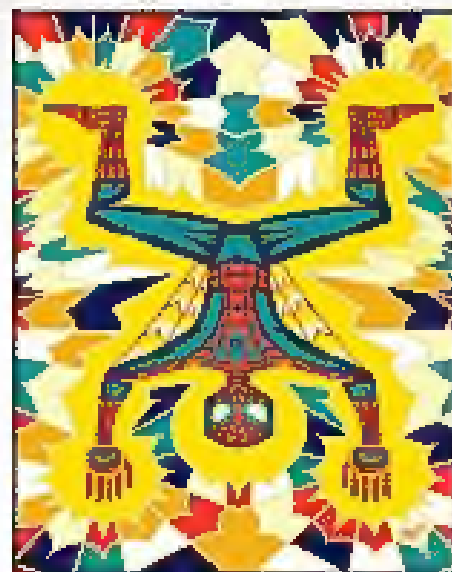
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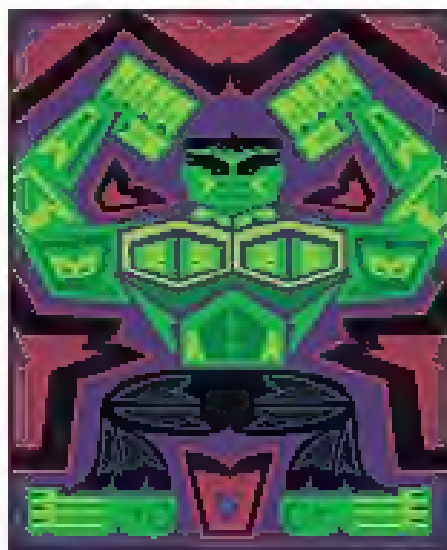
BLOOD HUNT



JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Red Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leaves a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.



MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS

BLOOD HUNT

THE DARKNESS CONTINUES...

Led by **BLADE**, a group of vampires used the **DARKFORCE** to blot out the sun, creating an eternal night and unleashing violence upon the world. Blade and the **BLOODCOVEN**, a group of super-powered vampires, also launched an attack on the **AVENGERS**, capturing several members of the team, transforming the **BLACK PANTHER** into a vampire and seizing control of the **IMPOSSIBLE CITY**, the Avengers' orbital headquarters.

His physical self stuck down by Blade and infected with vampirism, **DOCTOR STRANGE**'s astral form and **CLEA** departed for Latveria, seeking help, while **HUNTER'S MOON** and **TIGRA** left for **ASGARD** to execute their plan to defeat Blade.

Blade then translocated the ancient Atlantean **TEMPLE OF THE FIRST BLASPHEMY** from its undersea resting place in Wakanda to the middle of Central Park!

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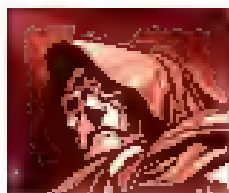
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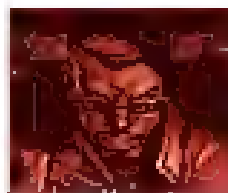
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KEY PLAYERS



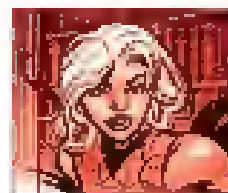
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Blade



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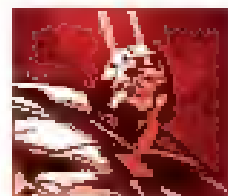
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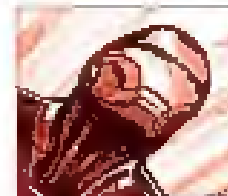
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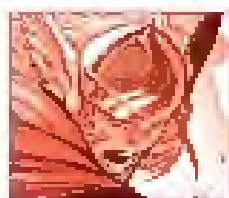
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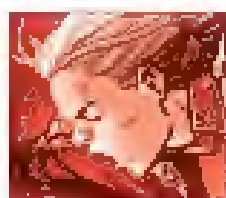
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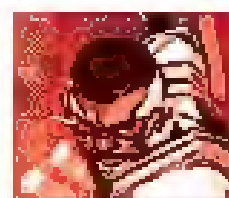
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Thor

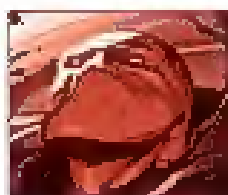


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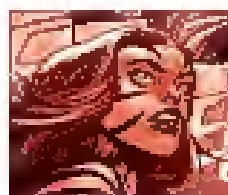


Captain America

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION

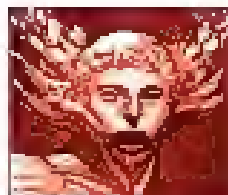


Hunter's Moon

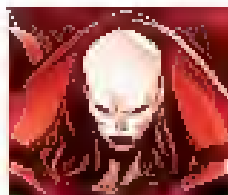


Tigra

THE BLOODCOVEN



Bloodstorm One



Smoke Eater



Cruel



Dathusclene



Unusual



THE TEMPLE OF THE
FIRST BLASPHEMY,
NEW YORK CITY.

"IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT THINGS ARE GOING
VERY BADLY INDEED."

"THE AVENGERS,
BROKEN, THE
SORCERER SUPREME,
AN APPARITION."

"AND NEW YORK CITY
WITH AN ANCIENT
ATLANTEAN TEMPLE
AS A NEW PART
OF ITS SKYLINE."

"BUT I SUPPOSE
THINGS MUST BE
GOING VERY BADLY..."



DOOMSTADT.
LATVERIA.



THE TEMPLE
OF THE FIRST
BLASPHEMY.

FINALLY,

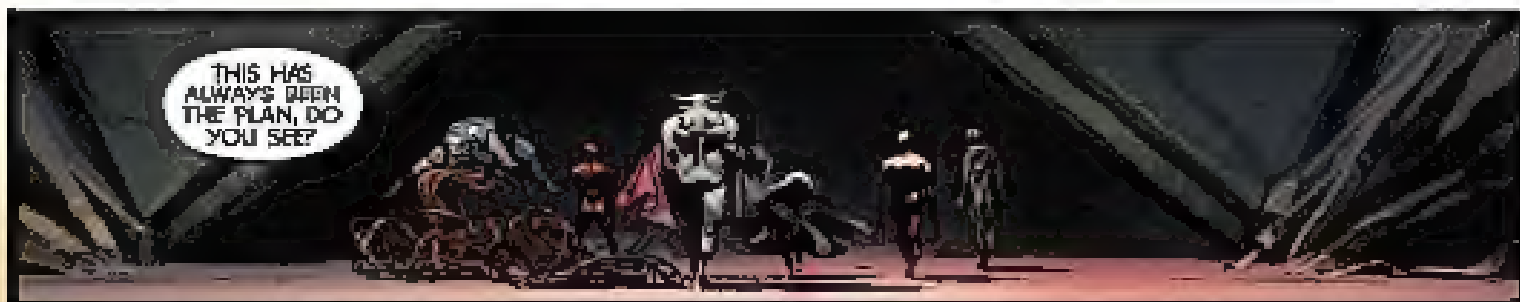
DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
HOW LONG IT'S
BEEN SINCE I'VE
WALKED THESE
STONES,
T'CHALLA?

WHEN WE
FIRST **BUILT**
IT, YOU SHOULD
HAVE SEEN
IT...

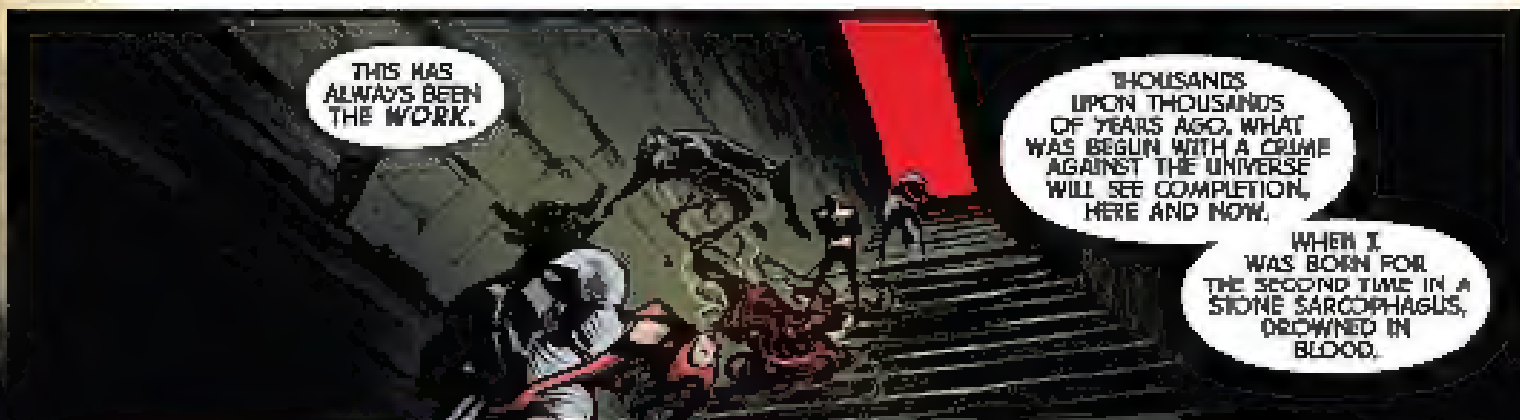
YOU'RE
NOT BLADE,
ARE YOU.

NO.
I AM
SOMETHING
MUCH
GREATER.

AND I WILL
BECOME GREATER
STILL, BLACK
PANTHER.



THIS HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
THE PLAN, DO
YOU SEE?



THIS HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
THE WORK.

THOUSANDS
UPON THOUSANDS
OF YEARS AGO, WHAT
WAS BEGUN WITH A CRIME
AGAINST THE UNIVERSE
WILL SEE COMPLETION,
HERE AND NOW.

WHEN I
WAS BORN FOR
THE SECOND TIME IN A
STONE SARCOPHAGUS,
DROWNED IN
BLOOD.



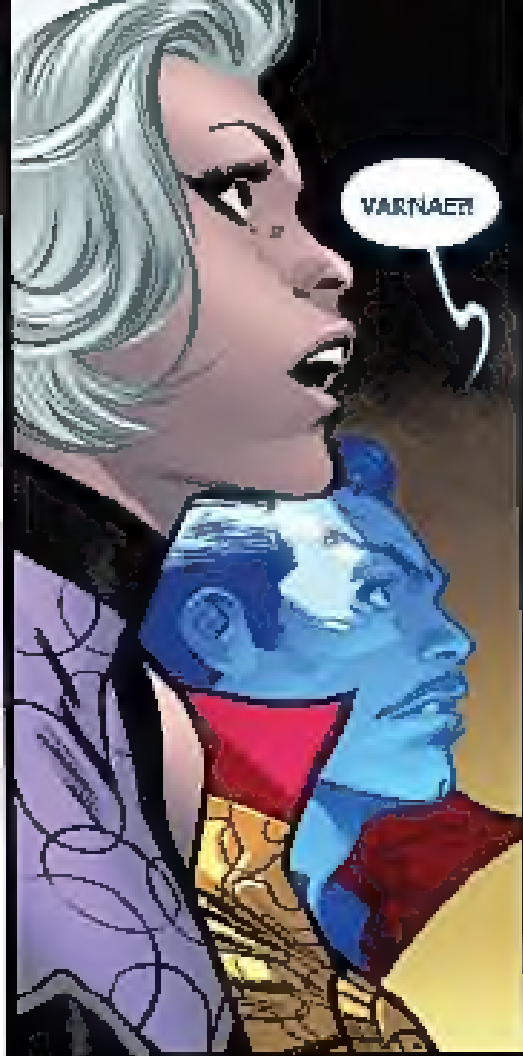
WHAT
ARE YOU?



THE
FIRST, BLACK
PANTHER.

THE FIRST
VAMPIRE, MY
NOMAD SPIRIT
CLOTHED IN MY
FATED VESSEL, THE
DAYWALKER'S
SKIN.

I AM
VARNAE.



VARNÆ!

IT'S
OBVIOUS.
IF YOU MERELY
THINK ABOUT
IT.

SOME YEARS
AGO, HIS MINION,
MARIE LAVEAU,
PREPARED BLADE AS
THE HOST FOR THE
SPIRIT OF
VARNÆ.

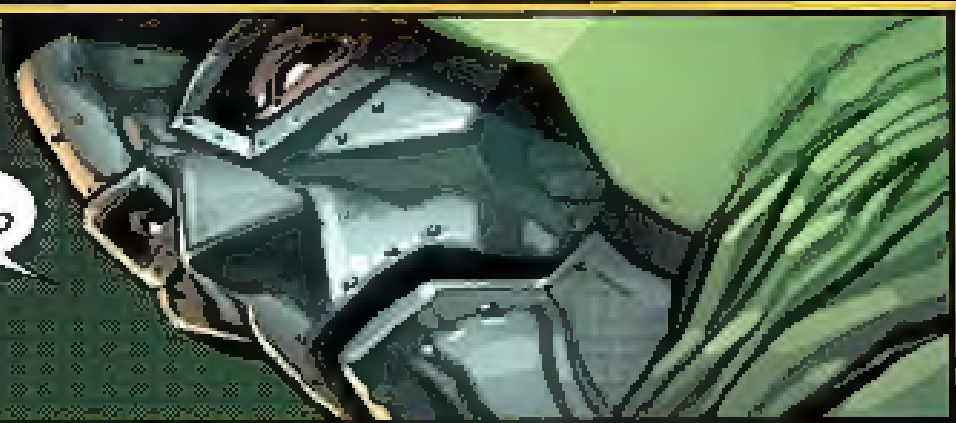
APPARENTLY,
THE DAYWALKER'S
UNIQUE CONSTITUTION
MADE HIM THE IDEAL
VESSEL.



"BLADE THE VAMPIRE HUNTER #51 --TOM.

THAT
ATTEMPT
FAILED.

BUT IT
WOULD APPEAR
THAT A SECOND
DID NOT.



HRM.

AND YET
YOUR BORDERS
ARE FREE OF
VAMPRES,
DOOM.

OF COURSE,
I HAVE TAKEN
PRECAUTIONS
TO PROTECT MY
PEOPLE.

NOW, WHAT
CAN I HELP
YOU WITH,
STEPHEN?





THE SKIES,
VICTOR, WE MUST
HAVE THE SUN AGAIN,
IF WE HOPE FOR
VICTORY.

I AM
ASKING FOR YOUR
AID WITH THE
DARKFORCE.

ALL THE
DARKFORCE.

I HAVE
PRECAUTIONS FOR
THAT AS WELL, OF
COURSE. IT WAS ONLY
A MATTER OF TIME,
AFTER ALL.

PEOPLE HAVE
TRIFLED WITH THE
DARKFORCE DIMENSION
FOR FAR TOO LONG AND FAR
TOO LIGHTLY FOR SOMETHING
LIKE THIS TO BE EVEN
REMOVELY A
SURPRISE.

IF IT BE
MAGIC, THEN
LET US PUT IT INTO
MOTION.

TIME IS OF
THE ESSENCE.
WHAT DO WE
REQUIRE,
DOOM?



A GREAT
ASSEMBLAGE OF
MAGES, TO BEGIN WITH,
GLEA STRANGE. A GRAND
ARRAY OF MAGICAL
CREATURES BROUGHT
TOGETHER AS
ONE.

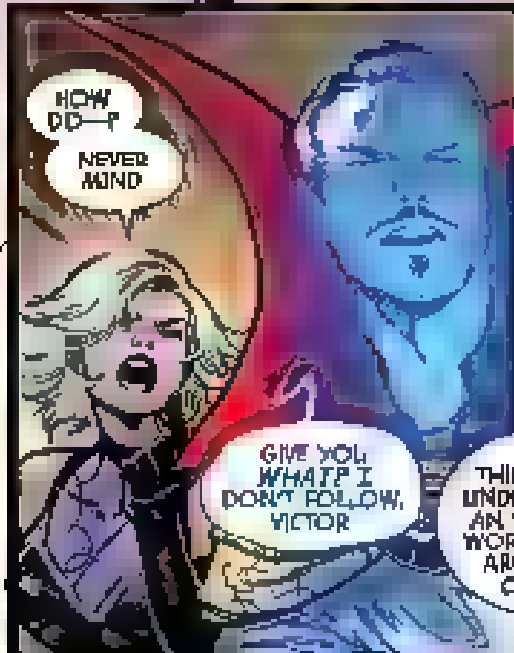
I AM
ACQUAINTED
WITH A GREAT MANY
MAGICIANS. I CAN
ASSEMBLE—

OH,
NO NEED.



I HAVE
ALREADY TAKEN THE
LIBERTY OF RECRUITING
THE STUDENT BODY
OF YOUR "STRANGE
ACADEMY"

NOW,
STEPHEN, GIVE IT
TO ME, AND LET
US BEGIN.



HOW
DO—?
NEVER
MIND

GIVE YOU
WHAT? I
DON'T FOLLOW,
VICTOR



I SHOULD
THINK YOU WOULD
UNDERSTAND. THIS IS
AN EXTRAORDINARY
WORK OF MAGIC WE
ARE SPEAKING OF
CASTING HERE

AND
TO ENACT
IT



I MUST BE
THE SORCERER
SUPREME.

ASGARD.

"LOOK I'M
HAVING A GREAT
TIME BUT I
GOTTA ASK."

"DON'T
YOU HERO
TYPES ASK
NICELY WHEN
YOU WANT
SOMETHING,
TITRAT?"

USUALLY

ACCORDING
TO THE AVENGERS,
THOR IS DOWN.
MAYBE THAT WOULD
GET THE ASIR ON
OUR SIDE.

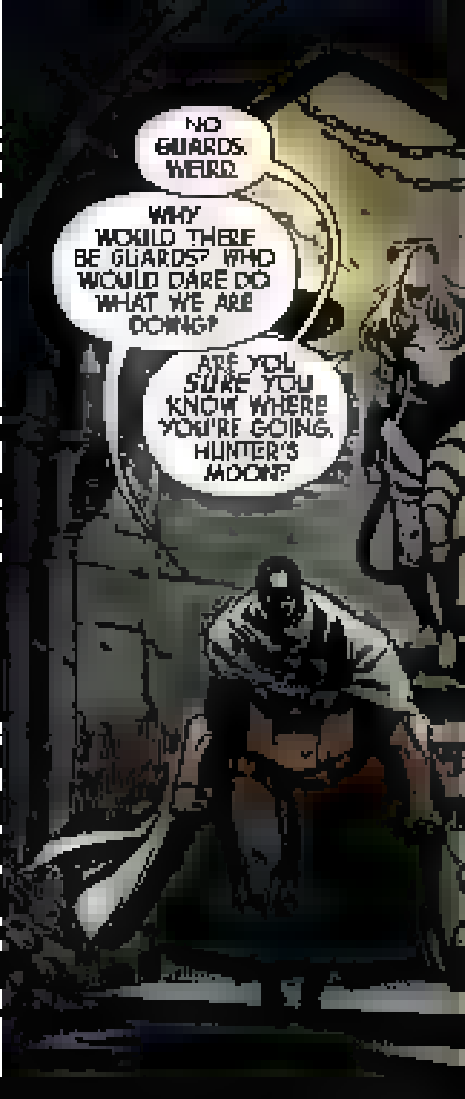
WHAT IT
COMES TO IS
THIS: WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO ASK
NICELY, BECAUSE
THEY MIGHT
SAY NO.

AND WE
DON'T HAVE
THE TIME TO
CONVINCE
THEM.

BUT MAYBE IT
WOULDN'T

THIS GUY
ACTING LIKE
HE'S NEVER DONE
A SMASH AND
GRAB BEFORE

THIS GAL
ACTING LIKE I
NEED TO TAKE ADVICE
ON CRIMING FROM
AN AVENGER



NO
GUARDS.
WEIRD.

WHY
WOULD THERE
BE GUARDS? WHO
WOULD DARE DO
WHAT WE ARE
DOING?

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
KNOW WHERE
YOU'RE GOING,
HUNTER'S
MOON?



ALL PRIESTS
ARE CALLED BY
THEIR GODS.

AND
I AM NO
DIFFERENT

HELLO,
FATHER. I'VE
COME FOR
YOU.



MY
LOVING
SON,

SO
KIND TO
VISIT YOUR
FATHER. BUT
FOOLISH, &
FEAR.

I HAVE
NO POWER TO
LEND YOU IN OPENING
MY CELL, AND YOU
HAVE NO KEY FOR
THESE LOCKS.



YOU ARE
CORRECT,
FATHER.

I HAVE
NO POWER
TO OPEN THIS
DOOR. NO
KEY



BUT I
HAVE BROUGHT
SOMETHING
BETTER

NICE TO
MEETCHA,
PAL

THEY
CALL ME THE
WRECKER

WHAT BETTER
TOOL TO OPEN
AN ASGARDIAN
PRISON...



THAN AN
ASGARDIAN
CROWBAR?

I WAS
THERE, IN OLD
ATLANTIS.

I WAS THERE,
TRANSCRIBING
THE DARKHOLD,
PUTTING ITS BLEAK
WORDS TO PAPER
FOR THE VERY
FIRST TIME

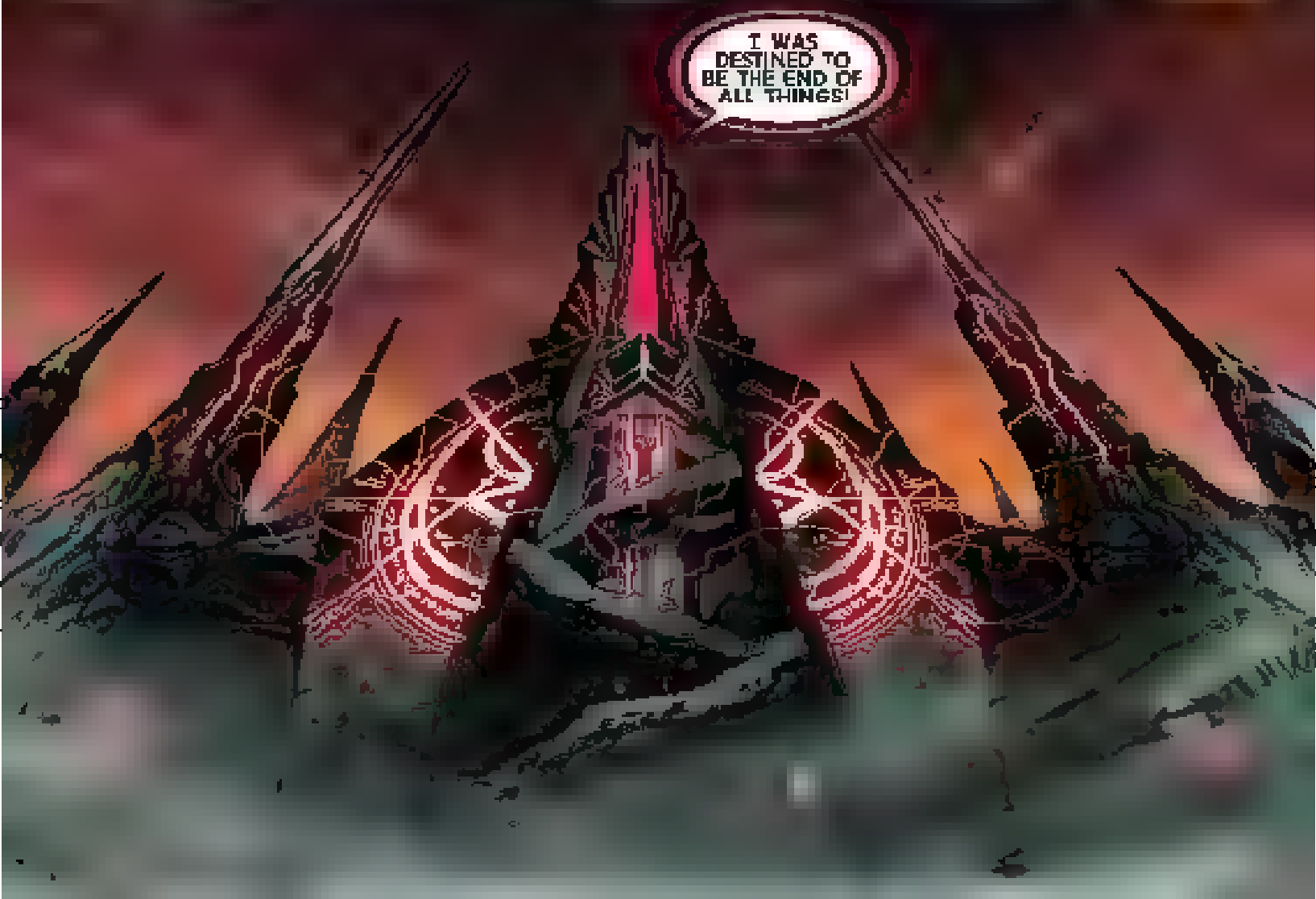
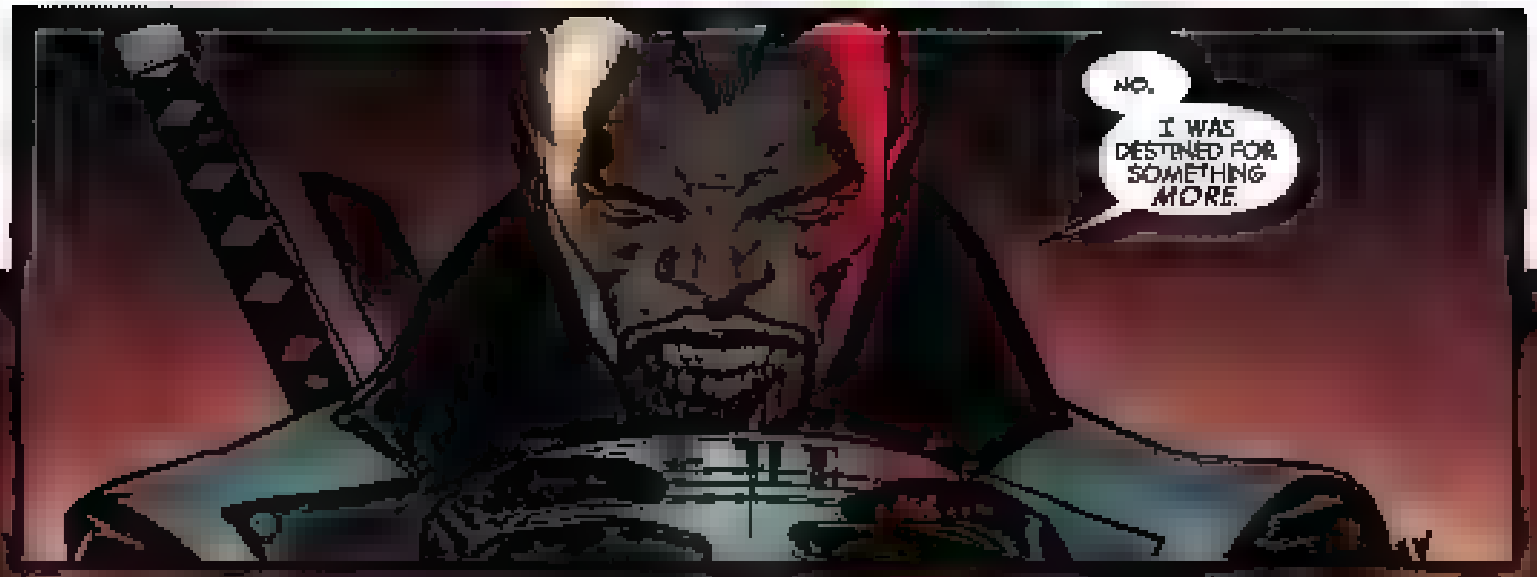
IT WAS
THERE THAT
I TOOK THE FIRST
STEP TOWARD
BECOMING WHAT
I WILL BE

AND
NOW, WITH THE
LIVING DARKHOLD IN
MY POSSESSION, WITH THE
BLOOD OF A GOD AT
HAND, IN MY PLACE
OF POWER, I CAN
COMPLETE THE
RITUAL.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

TO BECOME
A VAMPIRE, TO
CREATE THE CONCEPT
OF THE VAMPIRE, THAT
WAS ONLY THE
FIRST STEP

THE
VAMPIRE
WAS ONLY
MY PUPAL
FORM.





COME

I AM IN
READINESS



COME
TO ME,
DARKFORCE!

DO YOU
SEE? DO YOU
SEE?

I AM
BECOME ONE
WITH THE DARKNESS.
AN ENTIRE
DIMENSION OF
DARKNESS!!!

I AM
BECOME THE
DARK THAT CONSUMES
LIGHT! THE COLD
THAT CONSUMES
WARMTH!

I AM
BECOME A
VAMPIRE THAT
CONSUMES ENTIRE
PLANETS!
ENTIRE
STARS!

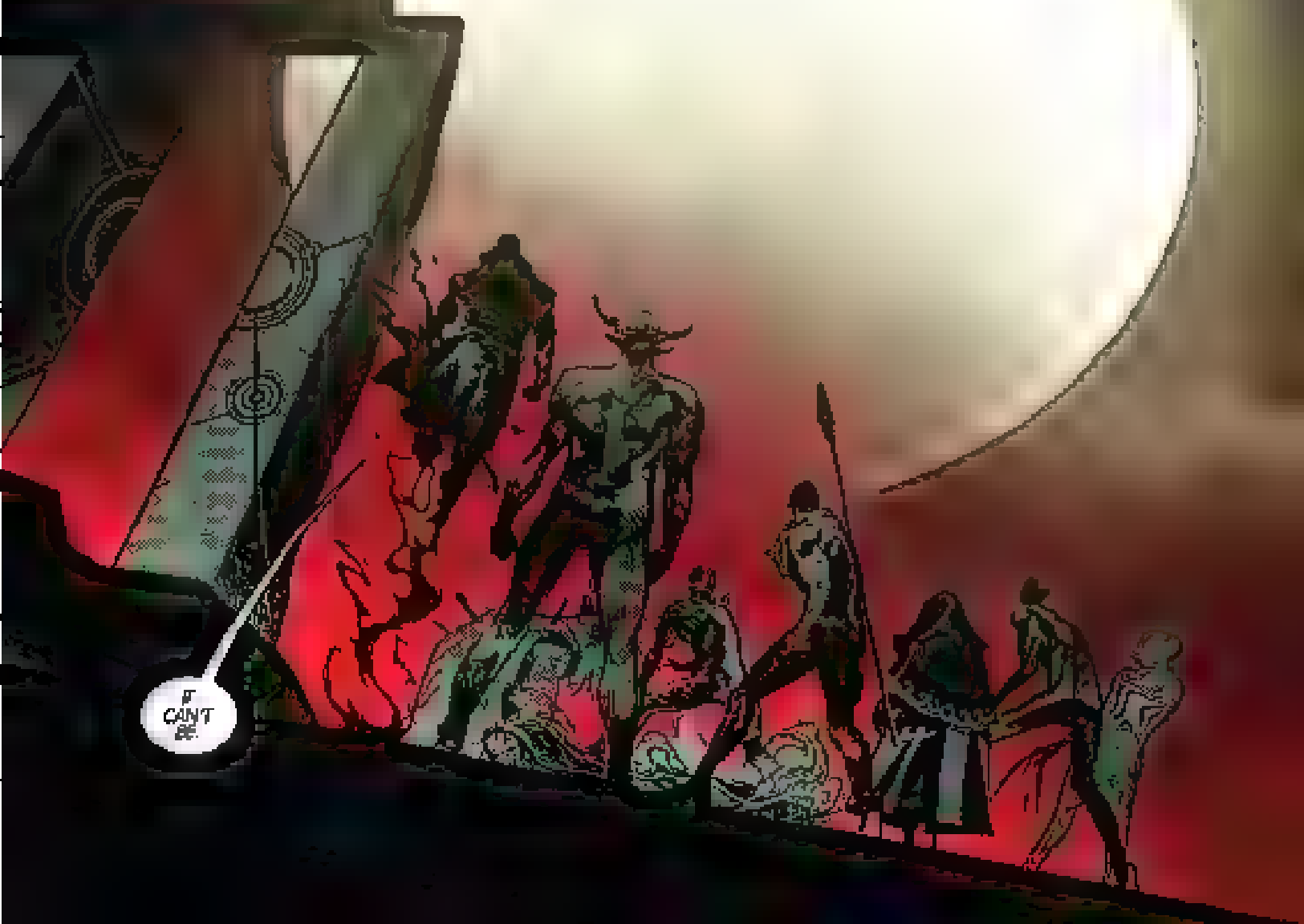
I AM
BECOME
THE UNLIVING
DARKFORCE!



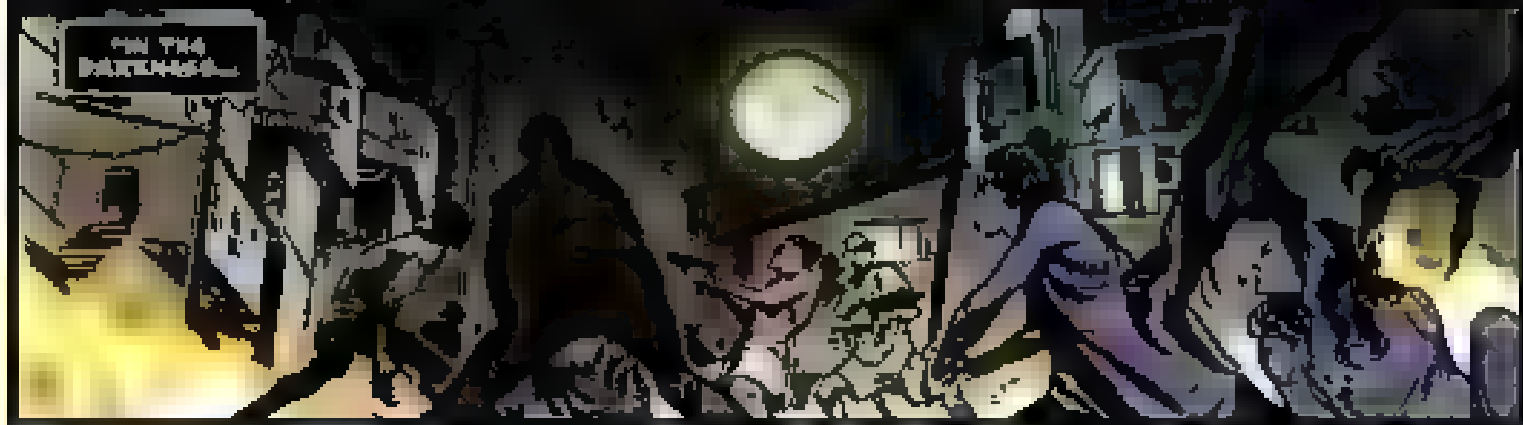
THEN
WHAT IS
THAT?



END



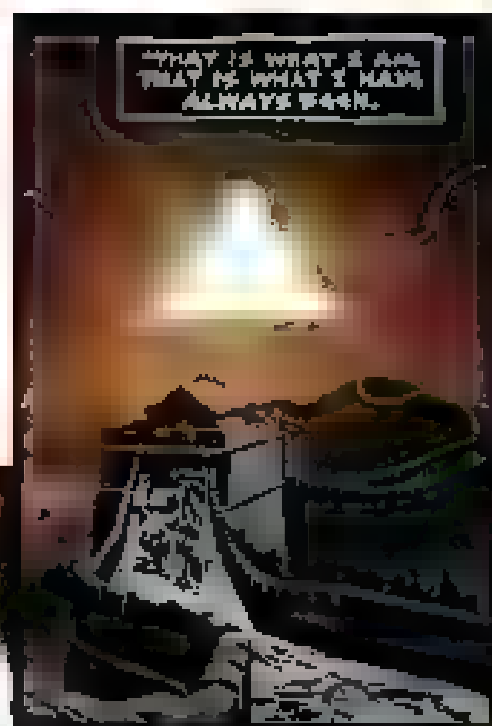
IT
CAN'T
BE.



ON THE
DARKNESS...



"...DARKNESS."

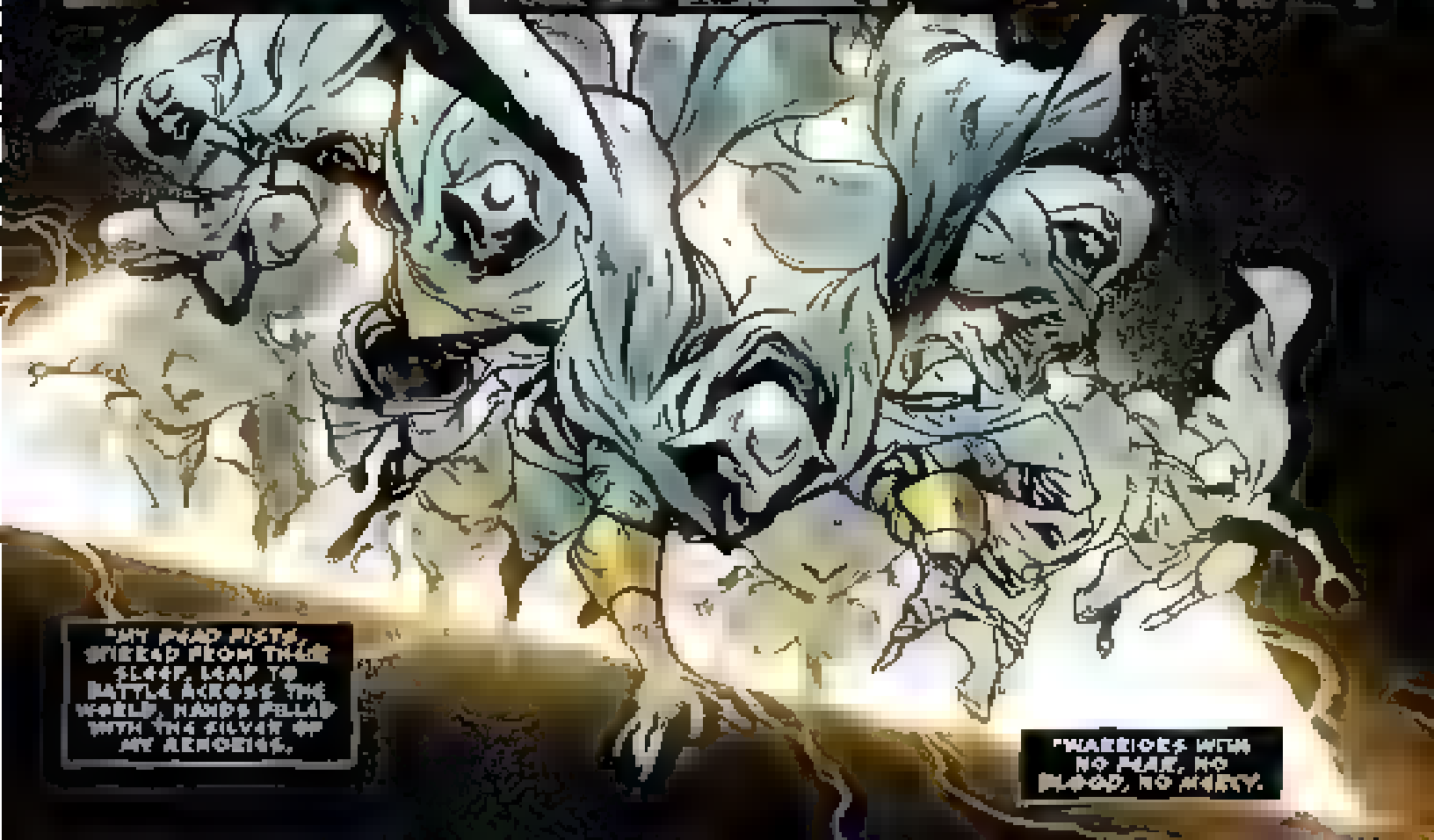


"WHAT IS WHAT I AM
THAT IS WHAT I HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN."



"AND IN THIS DARKNESS,
NO MATTER WHERE THEY
LAY FIND THEMSELVES IN
THE WORLD, TRAVELERS
BY NIGHT SEE THE FACE OF
BYONSHU, AND THEY KNOW."

"THEY KNOW
THEY ARE
NOT ALONE."



"MY DEAD FISTS
SPREAD FROM THEIR
SLEEP, LEAP TO
BATTLE ACROSS THE
WORLD, HANDS FILLED
WITH THE SILVER OF
MY REVENGE."

"WARRIORS WITH
NO FEAR, NO
BLOOD, NO MERCY."

AND LED BY MY
RESURRECTED
SON.

MOONMIGHT







DO YOU
THINK WAKANDA
HAS NEVER FOUGHT
VAMPIRES? THAT OUR
GODS ABANDONED
US?

THE HEART-
SHAPED HERB.
IT HAS BEEN FIGHTING
MY INFECTION.
HEALING ME. BIT
BY BIT.



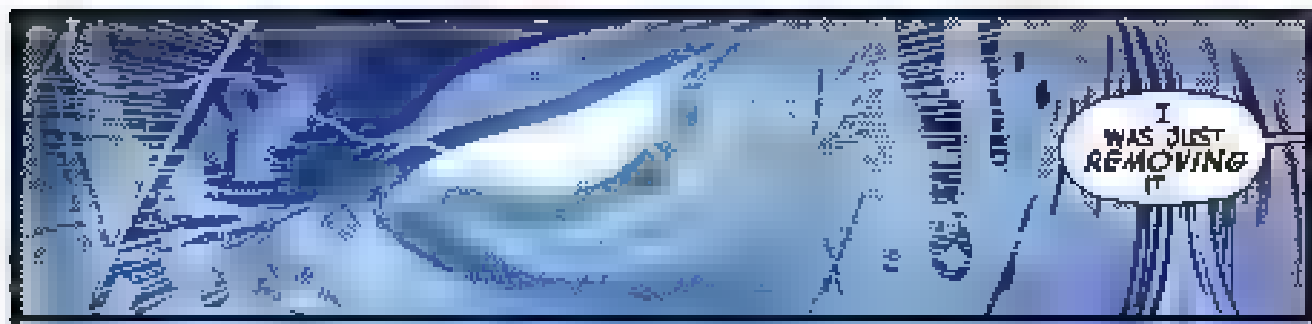
HAI

AGAIN, NO
MATTER, FAR
TOO LITTLE, AND
WILDLY TOO
LATE

DID YOU
REALLY THINK
TO KILL ME WITH
THAT LITTLE
BLADE?



NOT
REALLY.
NO.



I
WAS JUST
REMOVING
IT



...SO THAT
THOR MIGHT
JOIN ME.

WOUNDS
AND INJURY
I HAVE
SUFFERED...

...AND THOR
WILL HAVE
RECKONING.

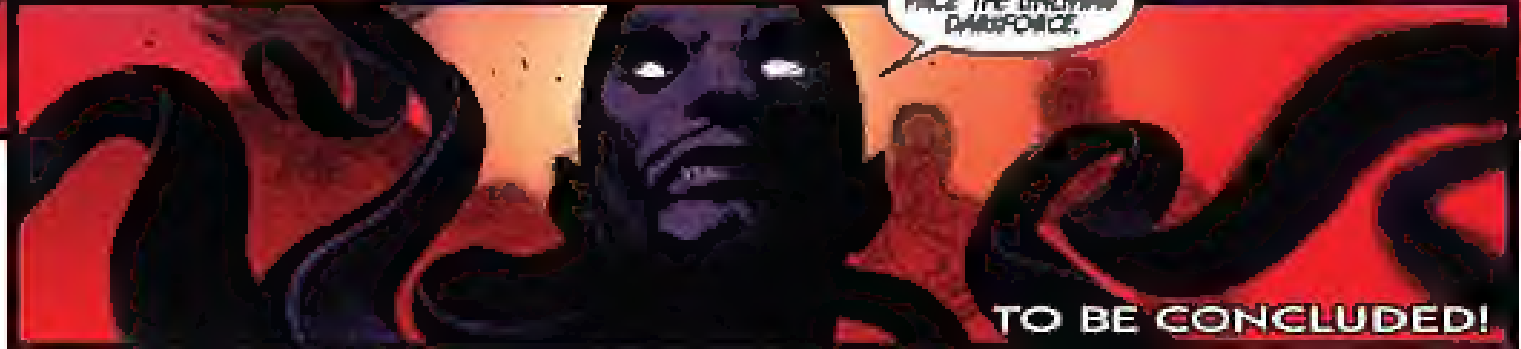
WHICH IS
JUST FANCY
TALK...



THE AVENGING.

COME, THEN.

COME AND FACE THE UNDYING DARKFORCE.



TO BE CONCLUDED!

BLOOD HUNT

CHECKLIST

JUNE

- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
- ☒ DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- ☒ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- ☒ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- ☒ FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- ☒ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☒ BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- ☒ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- ☒ VENOM #34
- ☒ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ AVENGERS #15
- ☒ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
- ☐ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

JULY

- ☐ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- ☐ DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- ☐ DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- ☐ WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☐ AVENGERS #16
- ☐ HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☐ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- ☐ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4

NEXT:

BLOOD HUNT

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Doctor Strange is presented with a dread bargain for a chance to save the world. The Avengers ride into a battle they cannot win. The dead battle the undead across the globe. Will it be enough? Will the world be saved, and how will it be changed if it is?



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